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Oct. 10, 2011



The Horticulture Club held its fall plant sale last Thursday and Friday. The club leaves for a fall trip to Minnesota on Friday. For more information about the club, see the recent article in the [Daily Nebraskan](#).

Thanks to all for a great review!

I want to extend a huge thank you to all faculty and staff who helped with the review last week. I feel the review team went away with a positive opinion of the work that we do. They were also a little jealous of the renovated facilities in Keim Hall and the labs in the Beadle Center. The review team also pointed out ways we can continue to do what we do, only better. We should receive their final report in the next few weeks with a more comprehensive vision and more specific recommendations. A special note of thanks to our student representatives: Ryan Armbrust, an undergraduate senior in Horticulture, and Brian Krienke a Ph.D. student in soils, and special thanks to Charlene Wendt for all her work on arrangements and Richard Ferguson for taking the lead on putting together the self-study document. Once again, thanks to everybody involved!



— Roch Gaussoin, Interim Department Head

CASNR seeks nominations for Teaching Award

The College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR) is seeking nominations from the college for the UNL Distinguished Teaching Award. The award comes with a \$1000 cash award through funds provided by the Nebraska Legislature. Last year, Dr. Martha Mamo, was the recipient of one of the Distinguished Teaching Awards. To nominate a colleague, send the name to Dann Husmann, dhusmann2@unl.edu by Jan. 6, 2012.

Mark the Date!

- Oct. 11:** Recognition of ARD Junior Faculty Award
Recipient **Dr. Gilles Basset**, 2-3 p.m., East Campus Union, Sunflower Room. See: <http://newsroom.unl.edu/announcements/todayatunl/654/3934>.
- Oct. 11:** Tasty Tuesday Nutr. Series, 5:15 p.m.
- Oct. 14:** The Agronomy & Horticulture Graduate Student Association will host its fall picnic and dessert bakeoff, 11-1, west of Plant Sciences Hall.
- Oct. 14:** Dept. Seminar – Environmental Variability and Nutrient Cycling in Agroecosystems, 3:30 p.m., 150 Keim, (refreshments, 3.)
- Oct. 14-18:** Horticulture Club Fall Trip in Minnesota.
- Oct. 17-20:** ASA•CSSA•SSSA Int'l. mtgs., San Antonio, TX. The Big Red Mixer is Oct. 18, 7-8:30 p.m. at the La Condesa E, Hilton Palacio del Rio.
- Oct. 16-20:** Fifth Int'l. Symp. on Acclimatization and Establishment of Micro-propagated Plants, Lied Conf. Center, Nebraska City.
- Oct. 17-18:** Fall Break.
- Oct. 18:** East Campus Wellness Fair, 7:30 a.m.-noon.
- Oct. 20:** Diabetes Prevention Nutrition Series, 12:30 p.m.
- Oct. 20:** Feeding Your Family Nutrition Series, 5:15 p.m.
- Oct. 21:** Walk at Work for Breast Cancer – UNL Challenge.
- Oct. 21:** Dept. Seminar: Fusarium in Wheat, 3:30 p.m., 150 Keim, (refreshments at 3 p.m.).
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Big Red Mixer Set Oct. 18 in San Antonio

The Department of Agronomy and Horticulture will host a Big Red Mixer on Tuesday, Oct. 18, from 7-8:30 p.m. as part of the ASA•CSSA•SSSA International Annual Meetings in San Antonio, TX, Oct. 17-20. The event will be at the La Condesa E, Hilton Palacio del Rio. To obtain invitation cards to distribute regarding the mixer, please see Brenda Gibson, 202 Keim Hall, bgibson2@unl.edu.

Information About Graduate Students

AHGSA plans fall cookout on Friday, Oct. 14.

The AHGSA (Agronomy & Horticulture Graduate Student Association) is having its fall cookout on Friday, October 14th, 2011, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Last year we introduced a bake-off for desserts. It was hugely popular, and delicious we might add. This year we are continuing what we hope to be a tradition with the fall cookout. In order to do so, we need willing participants to make desserts. We will have professional taste testers (starving grad. students) rate the winner of different dessert



categories. All types of desserts are welcome. If you would like to participate please email me, krienkeb@huskers.unl.edu with your name and intended dessert.

– Brian Krienke, AHGSA president

Series offers Food for Thought

The first speaker in the Heuermann Lecture series will be Dr. M.S. Swaminathan who will speak today, Oct. 10, at 3 p.m. in Hardin Hall, 33rd & Holdrege, Lincoln. Dr. Swaminathan is known as the Father of the Green Revolution and is the first World Food Prize laureate. His topic will be “Food Security in an Era of Price Volatility and Climate Change.”

The next series speaker will be Dr. P. Stephen Baenziger on Thursday, Nov. 10 at 4 p.m. in the East Campus Union. He is the first UNL scientist to hold the Nebraska Wheat Growers Presidential Chair, an endowed professorship. Dr. Baenziger will speak on “Setting the Stage: Why Agriculture.” A 3:30 p.m. reception precedes the lecture.

These sessions focus on providing security in the areas of food, natural resources, and renewable energy, and securing the sustainability of rural communities. They are open to the public and made possible through a gift from B. Keith and Norma Heuermann of Phillips, Neb.

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Oct. 27: Diabetes Prevention Nutrition Series, 12:30 p.m.

Oct. 24-Nov. 8: Student priority registration for spring 2012.

Oct. 28: Dept. Seminar – Confronting Pediatric Obesity: Current Evidence and Future Directions, 3:30 p.m., 150 Keim, (refreshments, 3 p.m.).

Nov. 4: Dept. Seminar – Cost Effective Teaching in the Life Sciences, 3:30 p.m., 150 Keim, (refreshments, 3 p.m.).

Nov. 8: Tasty Tuesday Nutr. Series, 5:15 p.m.

Nov. 11: Dept. Seminar – Food Allergy Thresholds & Risk Assessment, 3:30 p.m., 150 Keim, (refreshments, 3 p.m.).

Nov. 17: Great American Smokeout.

Nov. 18: Feeding Your Family Nutr. Series, 5:15 p.m.

Nov. 18: Dept. Seminar – Empathy Priming & Emotional Feedback in Environmental Choice: Are They Effective?, 3:30 p.m., 150 Keim, (refreshments at 3 p.m.).

Nov. 24-27: Thanksgiving Brk.

Dec. 2: Dept. Seminar – Effects of Biofuel Crop and N Management on Soil Greenhouse Gas Fluxes From a Marginal Site (Mead, NE), 3:30 p.m., 150 Keim, (refreshments, 3 p.m.).

Dec. 2: World AIDS Day.

Dec. 7 & 8: Horticulture Club Poinsettia Sale, Nebraska Union and East Campus Union, 8-4:30 p.m.

Dec. 9: Dept. Seminar – Arbuscular mycorrhizal Fungi in Maize Cropping Systems: Beneficial or Not?, 3:30 p.m., 150 Keim, (refreshments, 3).

Dec. 13-14: Stress Free Zone.

Dec. 16-17: UNL Graduation.

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Department employees welcome new children and grandchildren

Four new babies have entered the lives of employees in the Agronomy and Horticulture Department over the last several months.



Gracie May Barber

Gracie May Barber was born July 27 at 11:57 p.m. to Christopher & Kayla Barber. She weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces, and was 20½ inches long. Chris is a research technologist for the department working with Dr. John Guretzky.

Cheryl and Shaun Dunn welcomed a daughter, **Abrah Corinne Dunn**, on Aug.

15 (her due date) at 10:30 a.m. She weighed 7 pounds and was 20 inches long.

Proud Mom Cheryl says she is currently weighing in at an estimated 10+ pounds. Cheryl is a research technologist assisting Dr. Jim Stubbendieck.



Abrah Corinne Dunn



Kaitlyn Jo Shafer

Sam and Donna Shafer welcomed a new granddaughter, **Kaitlyn Jo Shafer**, on Sept. 30, 2011. She weighed five pounds, 15 ounces and was 18 inches long. Kaitlyn is the daughter of Chris and Stephanie Shafer. Sam is the facilities coordinator for the department.

Kaylee Sue Walker was born Oct. 4, 2011, to Gabe Walker and Shandra Martinez. She weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces and was 19.5 inches long. Kaylee is the first grandchild of Sue Walker, HAPPI

Business Center manager. Sue said Gabe's sister, Angela, came home for the birth. Kaylee is welcomed home by her step-brother Tre, and step-sister Savanna, all of Lincoln.



Kaylee Sue Walker

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Dec. 19: Agronomy & Horticulture Holiday Luncheon, EC Union.

Dec. 26-Jan. 2, 2012: Holiday Closedown.

Jan. 4: Crop Production Clinics in Beatrice.

Jan. 5: Crop Production Clinics in York.

Jan. 6: Crop Production Clinics in Kearney.

Jan. 9: Spring semester starts.

Jan. 10: Crop Production Clinics in Hastings.

Jan. 11: Crop Production Clinics in North Platte.

Jan. 12: Crop Production Clinics in Gering.

Jan. 16, 2012: MLK Day.

Jan. 17: Crop Production Clinics in Ainsworth.

Jan. 18: Crop Production Clinics in Norfolk.

Jan. 19: Crop Production Clinics in Fremont.

Jan. 23-25, 2012: Nebraska Green Expo, Mid-America Center, Council Bluffs, IA.

Jan. 29-Feb. 3, 2012: Society of Range Management 65th Annual Meeting, Spokane, WA.

March 18-25: Spring Break.

May 4-5: Graduation.

News From the HAPPI Business Center

Department plans to hire Computer Support

The Agronomy & Horticulture Department plans to hire a new computer support employee in the next 1-2 months. Until new computer support is identified, please contact the Information Services Help Desk at 472-3970, or e-mail mysupport@unl.edu. To see Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) or current computer threats, visit the Information Services Help Desk webpage at <http://www.unl.edu/helpcenter/>.

Upcoming: Benefits Open Enrollment

The open enrollment period for benefits at the University of Nebraska will be coming in November with exact dates will be forthcoming. Now is a good time to start thinking about changes to your plan and Flexible Spending Account (FSA) allocation for next year. Please watch for information about this upcoming enrollment period.

A Word from Your Office Professionals

Migrating to Microsoft 365 from Lotus Notes

The University of Nebraska–Lincoln will be migrating from its current Lotus Notes e-mail system to Microsoft Office 365 through summer 2012.

UNL will use the e-mail, calendaring, Instant Messaging (IM), and online meeting portions of 365. Web applications and websites/collaboration will not be implemented at this time.



Once an employee logs on to his or her computer via UNL-AD, the credentials will pass to Outlook and that person will not need to re-enter the password. Information Services (I.S.) is also asking that employees reduce the amount of storage in their e-mail systems. In preparation for the migration, I.S. outlines four migration options:

1. Clean start and migrate nothing;
2. Receive an archive of your messages and calendar in either PDF or PST file format;
3. Migrate a specified period of recent mail (i.e. two months), calendar, and contacts, and archive old messages; and
4. Migrate everything (not recommended).

For more information about this migration, see the video and PowerPoint presentations at <http://is.unl.edu/emailhome>.

– Brenda, Carola, Karen, Kat, Kathy, Marlene & Tiffany

Funding Announcements

FYI: Visit UNL's Office of Sponsored Programs web site for funding announcements in PDF format at <http://www.unl.edu/research/sp1/index.shtml> under "Funding Opportunities." These announcements are compiled from the funding opportunities offered by federal funding agencies, private foundations, and a variety of additional entities. If you want to subscribe to Funding Announcements, contact Nathan Meier (472-1808 or nmeier2@unl.edu). Additional funding opportunities may be found at <http://www.grants.gov>. Grants.gov is the single access point for individuals to search competitive funding opportunities from more than 900 grant programs offered by the 26 federal grant-making agencies.